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The identified DE 94 18 036 U reference was cited by the Supplementary European Search Authority recently received in a corresponding European application. (The U.S. 4.703.602 reference was already of record in this case.) We note that the DE 94 18 036 U reference is cited as an "A" reference, only as technological background. A copy of the Supplementary Search Report is enclosed. In addition, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed after receipt of a notice of allowance and after payment of the issue fee, and it is accompanied by a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1).

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